

In the lists below, "single history file" refers to the size of one snapshot in time of a standard number of 3D and 2D variables output by the model. The number of variables can vary from model to model and run to run. Unless otherwise indicated, it assume the variables for monthly output in a climate-scale simulation (decades to centuries of simulated time.)

Typical number of 3D variables: 10-20

(A simulation with chemistry or biogeochemistry can add dozens to hundreds of 3D tracers)

Typical number of 2D variables: 100 (atmosphere), 10-20 (ocean), 50 (land and sea-ice)

Global Atmosphere Model

CAM Finite Volume 0.5 degree

576x384x26 regular lat-lon grid

single 3D variable	23 MB
single history file	859 MB
single restart file	1.925 GB

with history output every simulated month:

1 year:	10.3 GB
100 years:	1.03 TB

CAM HOMME 0.125 degree

single 3D variable	616MB (real*8)
single 2D variable	25MB (real*8)
total grid points per 3D variable:	3110402 x 26
single history file	24GB
single restart file	

with history output every simulated month:

1 year:	288 GB
100 years:	28.8 TB

with history output every simulated month and 2-hourly 2D fields:

1 year:	392 GB
100 years:	39.2 TB

GFDL HIRAM

C720 12.5km; 32 levels; cubed sphere grid.

single 3D variable	0.8 GB
total grid points per 3D variable	0.1 G
single history file	15 GB
single restart file	6.5 GB

history output for 1 simulated day (hurricane forecast mode):	25 GB
history output for 1 simulated day (year hindcast mode):	15 GB

Hurricane forecast test (100 runs of 5 days each):	12 TB
1 year hindcast for 2008:	5.4 TB

5 member ensemble hindcast:

27 TB

GFDL HIRAM

C2000 4.5km; 54 levels; cubed sphere grid

single 3D variable	10 GB
total grid points per 3D variable	1.3 G
single history file	200 GB
single restart file	80 GB

History output for 1 simulated day (hurricane forecast mode): 200 GB
Hurricane forecast studies (4 5-day experiments) 4 TB

CSU GCRM 4km horizontal, 100 levels, geodesic grid

single 3D variable; cell center	16 GB
single 3D variable; cell edge	50.3 GB
single 3D variable; cell corner	33.6 GB
Number of cells; corners; edges:	40M; 80M; 120M
single history file	571 GB
single restart file	400 GB

with history output every simulated month:

1 year	6 TB
100 years	600 TB

with high frequency history output (used for studying fast time scale processes):

1 simulated day (every 3 hours)	4.5 TB
1 simulated week (4 hourly)	24 TB
1 simulated month (6 hourly)	68.5 TB
1 simulated year (6 hourly)	822 TB

Ocean model

POP 0.1 degree

3600x2400x42 stretched lat-lon grid.

single 3D variable	1.45 GB (4 byte reals)
single history file	18.94 GB
single restart file	24.19 GB

with history output every simulated month:

1 year:	227 GB
100 years:	22.7 TB

Sea ice model

CICE 0.1 degree

3600x2400 stretched lat lon grid.

single 2D variable	33 MB (4 byte reals)
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single history file	4.32 GB
single restart file	5.045 GB

with history output every simulated month:

1 year:	51.84 GB
100 years:	5.184 TB
